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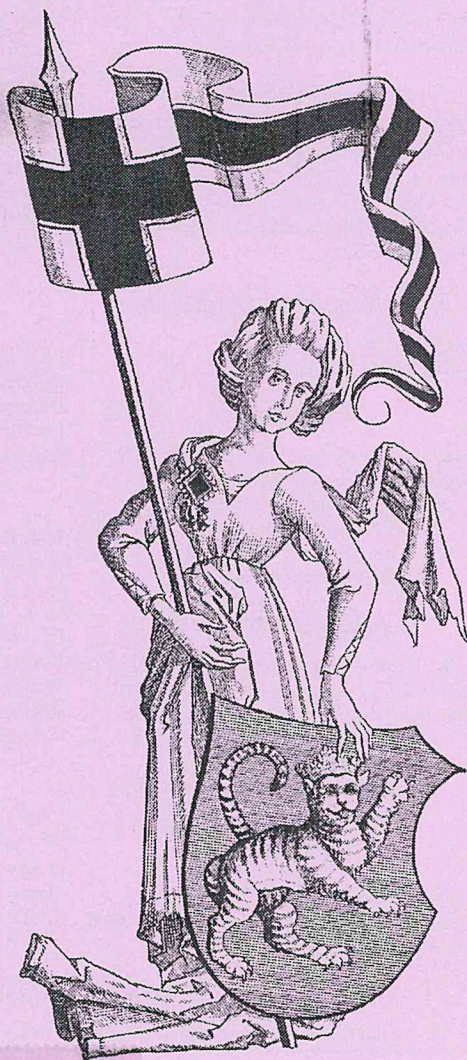
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The Official Newsletter of the Barony of al-Barran

Quest for the Crimson Chalice

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JUNE

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JULY

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STAGS CON VII *Aarquelle*

17-20

LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER** *Drygestan*

25-28

CLANN WARS IX *Nahrún Kabirun*

25-27

FONTAINE DANS SABLE DEFENDER XXII *Fontaine dans Sa-*

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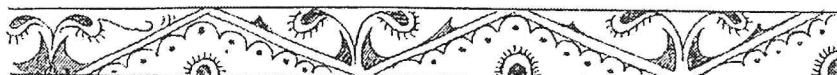
AUGUST

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BARON'S WAR *Dragonsspine*

29-Sept 1

SILVER PASS VIII *Río de las Animas Perdidas*



** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto all who hear these words do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, send warm summer greetings.

We thank THL Ryan for his great dedication and many efforts as autocrat of Grand Outlandish Tournament. Thanks also to the many good gentles who volunteered their time to make GOT a successful event. al-Barran is truly blessed to have such a fine and noble populace.

We invite each of you to join us at the Quest for the Crimson Chalice later this month. We look forward to smaller events where everyone gets a chance to relax a little more.

For those who will travel to Lilies War in Calontir, we anxiously await your safe return.

Remember to adhere to all fire regulations while traveling this summer. The climate is dry and we should feel fortunate (for now) to have fires at all.

Sir Trevor

Fermina



From the Waterbearer

Greetings,

I do hope everyone had a wonderful time at Outlandish.

There are a few people I would like to thank for making my job at Outlandish a bit easier then I first thought. Also if you have seen anyone of the following please tell him or her 'thank you' for even a little thanks goes a long way.

Thank you goes out to Logan, Lord Emerys, Lady Isabella, Wolfgang, Lilliana, Jade, Bethia, Mathious, Lyneya delFilde, Marissa Monk, Arades McKay, Aaron Lung, Lady Briana DuBois, Marooi, Lady Auria, Livia, Galen McIntire, and Justine of St. Golias.

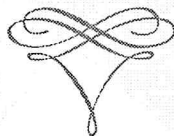
Thank you to Thomas Dudley for keeping me from going insane. Thank you to Vince McIntire for keeping me going forward and totally answering my call for help. And a big thank you to Don Govanen for believing in me even when I doubted myself.

Now remember this is the time of year where we want to fight in 90 degree plus weather and we loose a lot of fluid so drink a lot of water.

I am also looking for a deputy or two. If you are interested or would just like more information, please feel free to contact me. 281-1066 or BronwenBlackwell@postmark.net.

In service,

Lady Bronwen Blackwell



From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a great Outlandish. We had two great demos, the Celtic Games demo and the Special Olympics demo. Thank you to all that participated in these.

A couple of reminders. If you have a demo coming up, please remember that we need at least a couple of weeks notice. Also I still have two items left from Sworded Affaire lost and found; a basket and a coat. So please contact me if these items belong to you. I hope everyone has a wonderful camping season.

In Service to the Dream

Lady Isabella al-Darith



From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Pony World once again features someone near and dear to our wonderful barony. Check it out and see who. Thank you, Michael McQuillan for all of your hard work in making *Pony World* happen. Who knows, one day it might be YOU!

ARTWORK

As you should be able to tell from this cover I am desperately in need of cover artwork. So, without further ado; as always I am looking for articles, artwork, songs, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft*. If you know someone who is talented in any of these areas please let me know and I will seek them out for contributions for the *Baronial Shaft*.

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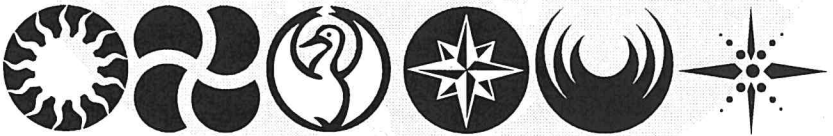
Coming in June, the al-Barran phone directory will be getting updated. So look for a phone call or email starting in June to verify your information as listed in the phone directory. The directory should be going to print in the first part of July.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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In service,

Lady Kathars



Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:

June medieval dates are at <http://historymedren.about.com/library/date/blfinddate.htm>

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Blaidwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>

Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>

SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

An Outlandish Thank You to the Volunteers for the Youth & Children's Activities

Many people volunteered at Outlandish to provide many wonderful activities over 3+ days for our children and youth. First, a very special thank you to THLord Ryan for all his help in advance, and to Lady Ahzlin, who coordinated activities for me, till I could arrive on site. Special thanks to our instructors and leaders of the children's and youth activities: Lady Skia (working with felt), Lord Canus (boffering instructions), and Lady Barbara (SCA 101, Heraldry, Court Dancing, and Boffer Tourney) who each provided two children's activities, and to Lady Savya the Silent and Mateo of Golias (SCA physical games), Peter the Jovial (Harp), Lord Vladimir (board games), THLady Sabia (making stone soup and Qwest for the ingredients), and Lady Danica and Erik (Boffer Tourney), and Uasal Oengus, Lady Roma, Lord Estevan, Lord Rognvaldr, and Brandon Marius for the Archery Tourney.

Our special thanks also to Mistress Cailte, Lady Kathws, Lord Rognvaldr Longarm, Dona Sylvia, Lord Thomas, Domina Livia, lady Skia, Lord Vladimir, Erik, Lady Alienor, and the citadel, Mathious, Lady Isabella, Lady Bronwen Blackwell, the archers and Lady Barbara for all the gifts they each donated for awards and prizes for the children, to Lady Bronwen Blackwell for providing water and cups in the Children's Tent for the youth, to Lady Alia (?) for privy postings of our activities, and to Baron Sebastian, for all his help carrying supplies and fliers to the event. Our thanks also to the following volunteers, who helped with the various activities and provided support—Mistress Elenfea, Dona Sylvia, and Camilla (list mistress for the Boffer tourney), Lady Leona and Timony (who created scrolls for winners of the Boffer tourney), Lord Gilbert, Lord Emerys, Lord Gere, Vouk, Bordolf, Logan, Elad and Mathious (marshals of the Boffer Tournament).

These fine gentles worked together to create a fun filled, educational, and magical time for our children and youth at Outlandish. We are very grateful to each of you for all your efforts and on behalf of the children, we thank you very much.

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Lady Barbara,
Coordinator of the Children and Youth Activities at Outlandish 30

School Demo Thank You

My lords and ladies, pray heed and attend the names of those valiant gentles who gave of themselves and made many young lads and ladies day somewhat brighter even though they were confined to that dreary keep aptly named middle school. Those good gentles are: Uasal OEngus, Master Balthazar, THL Gwen, Lady Deirdra, Lady Scia, Lord Aehdon, and Lord Gavain.

Thanks and praise be heaped upon their heads.

Saffia al Zarqua al Sabia



Quest For The Crimson Chalice



Barony of al-Barran

June 20-22, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Experimental Site,

Hwy. 337 & Chamisso Canyon Road, Tijeras, NM 87059

Site Opens June 20th at 12pm and closes June 22nd at 6pm

Site Fee: Adult \$15.00 (includes Saturday night's buffet),

Child under 12 \$7.00, Day Pass \$5.00

Additional \$3.00 surcharge for Non-Members

Make checks payable to "SCA al-Barran"

Site is WET

Calling All Warriors, Mercenaries and Towns folk! Be it Equestrian, Archers, Light and Heavy Weapons, or Populace...Come! Join us for the crusades and quest for the coveted Crimson Chalice of immortality and ultimate wealth! A weekend of FUN, fighting, feasting and revelry galore! All welcome for the Saturday Night Feast and Revelry in the Town Square. THE SITE IS PRIMITIVE.

Restrictions: Horses MUST be penned when not in use. Horse owner's responsibilities: Food and Pens. Pets must be on leash. Fire restrictions may apply!

Tentative Schedule:

Friday	12pm	Site Opens
Saturday	10-11	Court
	12-4	Crusade Scenarios and Quest
	5-6	Court
	6'ish	Mongolian buffet and Pot Luck Deserts
	Dark Thirty	Revel
Sunday	10-11	Court
	12-4	Melees, Archery, Equestrian and Boffer Tourney
	6pm	Site Closes

Mongolian Buffet

Breads and Cheeses

Tabuli

Vegan Stew

Mongolian Beef

Fruits and Vegetables

Hummus and Pita Bread

Beef Shish Kabobs

Deserts - Pot Luck!

Directions: From Albuquerque: Take I-40 East to the Tijeras/Cedar Crest Exit 175. Turn right to South 14/Hwy. 337 and continue through light. Travel approximately 1.2 miles, go past Ranger Station, and then turn Left onto Chamisso Canyon Road (Forrest Road 4620). Follow dirt road approximately 1 mile to site.

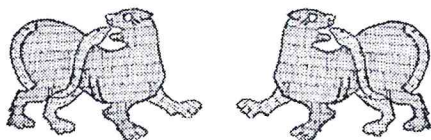
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The Exeter Riddle Number

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Whereas my neck is white, my head
and sides are brown; I move swiftly
and bear a battle-weapon; hair covers
my back
and my cheeks as well; two ears tower
high
above my eyes. I step on my toes
through
the green grass. Grief is ordained for me
if any fierce creature should catch me
in my hole where I have my house and
children;
should I stay there with my offspring
after this guest comes knocking
at my door, they are doomed to die.
I must bravely carry my infants
far from our house, save them by flight,
if that creature still follows me.
He advances on his breast. I dare not
await him
in my hole . . . that was not a wise plan
at all.
I must burrow through the steep hill-
side
With my two forefeet as fast as I can.
I can save the lives of my loved ones
with ease, once I've guided them out
by a secret way through a hole in the
hill.
Then, if it comes to blows and battle,
I feel no fear of this murderous foe.
If he still gives me chase
through that narrow hole I've just made
in the hill,
I will not fail to fight him fiercely.
Once I've tunnelled my way to the top,
I will angrily batter my enemy,
That hateful foe from whom I long fled.

A Badger



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 Fighter & Rapier Practice	2 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
8 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	9 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
15 Fighter & Rapier Practice	16 Gammer Gurton's Needle	C M E Project
22 Fighter & Rapier Practice <i>Quest for the Crimson Chalice</i>	23 Gammer Gurton's Needle	E Project
29 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	30 Gammer Gurton's Needle	

June Holiday Dates

6 first day of Shavout
14 Full Moon
15 Father's Day
21 Midsummer



JUNE

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Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Blaiddwyn t Conclave	4	5 -Blaiddwyn ar- mour wkshp	6	7 Archery & Equestrian Practices
10 Blaiddwyn t Conclave	11 Heraldry Mtg	12 -Equestrian Practice -Blaiddwyn armour wkshp	13	14
17 CITIZEN'S MEETING Blaiddwyn Conclave	18	19 -Blaiddwyn armour wkshp	20 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop	21 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>Quest for the</i>
24 Blaiddwyn Conclave	25 Heraldry Mtg	26 -Blaiddwyn armour wkshp -A&S Knowledge Wrkshp	27	28
			<u>Regular Activities listings</u> More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19.	

June Medieval Dates

June 1, 1192: Enrico Dandolo elected doge of Venice.

June 2, 1420: Henry V marries Catherine of Valois.

June 7, 1329 Robert the Bruce dies, King Robert I of Scotland freed his land from English rule, suppressed rebellion, and became one of the greatest heroes in his country's history.

June 15, 1215: King John signs the Magna Carta. Succumbing to pressure from the barons, John signed the document at Runnymede and declared that copies should be distributed and publicly read throughout England.

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Stags Con VII

Shire of Aarquelle

July 12 & 13, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Washington Preschool, Pueblo, CO

Site opens July 12 at 8:00am

Site fee: Free!



How do the Seneschal's get things done? Who tells the Herald what to herald? How and why are decisions made? Come and find out. Where? At the Premier Service Event of the Outlands. Located in the middle of the Outlands, hosted by Their Majesties' Biggest little Shire of Aarquelle. July 12 will bring knowledge, encouragement, and gummy worms. The site opens at 8:00 am with morning court starting at 9:00 am.

As you arrive, breakfast will be waiting and lunch will keep your stomachs content. A bar-b-que is planned for the evening. (yes this Shire travels on its stomach). Limited crash space is available and a block rate is being arranged at some of our local motels. Because we do not want anyone to forget what they have learned on Saturday, there will be some tourneys on Sunday at our beautiful Mineral Palace Park.

In addition to important meetings between the kingdom officers and their local counterparts, classes will include but are not limited to:

Toys for Tots strategy and Tactics—Lord Artorius Greyhawk

Autocrating—Beginning through Advanced—THL Ryan Brunlocr

How to run a Demo—THL Saffia al Zarqua al Sabia (aka Sabia), back by popular demand

Directions: From the North or South— Take I-25 to Pueblo, Colorado, exit at 6th Street. At the First stop light (Santa Fe) turn left to 4th street. On 4th street, turn right. Stay on 4th as it becomes Lincoln then Thatcher. On the corner of Thatcher and Prairie Ave. on the right hand side you will see the sign Washington Preschool. The entrance is right on Prairie and left on the corner of the school. (follow the signs.)

The site and food cost is free to all.

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Class Coordinator: Master Adam Stedefast, 505-839-7302, seneschal@outlands.org



Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan

July 17-20, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289,
Los Alamos, 87544



Site opens at noon on Thursday, July 17th

and Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 20th

Site Fee is \$10 for adults (\$3 non-member surcharge);

\$5 for children ages 8-16; Family cap is \$30

The site is wet.

Greeting all good Gentles and be of fine cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow and days of frivolity, fighting, and fun.

The need is great to find this year's Defender of Dragons. The ancient and powerful Dragons lay sleeping deep in the Lonely Mountain enchanted by a dark Wizard's spell. Are you brave enough to enter *The Gauntlet*, gather the components needed to break the spell, and free the Dragons? This year's Defender contest will be a fast paced adventure of skill and wits like none other.

It is our honor to host the Southern preliminary competition to decide the next Windhover Bard. This will take place on Friday night at Dusk-thirty at the bardic fire. The semi-finalist will then compete at Crown Tournament. For more information, please refer to page 22 of June's Outlandish Herald or contact the current Windhover Bard, Lady Sayva the Silent at savya@zianet.com. Following the Windhover bardic we encourage all to come and share songs and stories throughout the night.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains, and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at 7:30 pm so come early for the best access to campsites.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year please stay updated on Forest closures. At this time please prepare to use propane lanterns and stoves.

New this year: All merchants must be current SCA members. There will be a \$10 merchant fee in addition to site fee. Pre-registration helpful but not necessary. Please contact Elijah Ravenson or Marygold of Clan Tynker at (505) 474-7468 or clantynker@juno.com.

As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit. Turn right at first stoplight. Stay strait through several stoplights until NM 4 where the road "T's." Turn right. Fol-

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low NM 4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Rout 4 north through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldera and turn right on Forest Road 289.

Any questions regarding merchants, volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lady Renee Nix de Livingstone (Renee Nix), at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084.



Clann Wars IX

Shire of Nahrun Kabirun

July 25-28, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Lincoln National Forest; Ruidoso, NM



Site opens at 2:00 pm on Friday and Closes at 2:00 pm on Monday
Site Fee is \$10 for adults members, \$15 non-members (\$3 surcharge included); \$5 for children ages 6-12 (\$10 Family cap), No charge for children ages 5 and under. Day trip fee \$5.

Please make all check payable to "SCA-Nahrun Kabirun"

The site is wet.

Greetings to the Populace of the Outlands,

As Winter releases its chill hand upon the Glorious Outlands, the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun would like to invite one and all to the ninth annual Clann Wars. Once again we are going to be at our traditional site in the Sacramento Mountains near Ruidoso, NM. We will have all of your favorites: fighting, archery, the Highland games, reveling (including the ever popular sheep reaving, make a sheep, the table siege weapon contest—use of sheep optional), bears and many new surprises. Children's activities, an A&S competition, and a bardic performance are also being offered. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday and the site is wet; this also includes rain. So please join us for the fun and enjoyment that this beautiful site has to offer.

Schedule of events:

Friday, July 25th

2:00 pm Site OPENS

2:43 pm Rain

7:00 pm General Merriment

Saturday, July 26th

9:00 am Lists opens for all forms of fighting, archery, and children's activities

10:00 am Lists close for heavy and light tournaments, fighting to immediately follow.

12:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm Melees: woods battle and the ever-popular castle siege (dual rapier/ heavy melee). We fight until we drop.

3:43 pm Rain

6:00 pm A new surprise

7:00 pm Potluck Feast

7:30 pm Til sometime before dawn; reveling, bardic performance, singing and dancing

Sunday, July 27th

9:00 am The list for Highland Games opens

10:00 am The Highland Games start

2:17 pm Rain

4:00 pm Scheduled activities end.



Monday, July 28th

2:00pm Site closes

Please check the Outlands Calendar and mailing list for up-to-date information on fire restrictions and other important information.

Directions: *From I-70:* turn North on NM 37, drive through the town of Ruidoso, make a left (west) turn on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

From NM 380: Turn South on NM 37, follow 37 south until Ruidoso, make a right on Cedar Creek Road, and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

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Fontaine dans Sable Defender XXII



Shire of Fontaine dans Sable

July 25th-27th, A.S.XXXVIII

Truby Ranch, 2001 Saiz Lane,

Bloomfield, NM 87413

Site opens: 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 25th

Site closes: 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 27th

Site Fees: \$7.00 Per Person for site

\$7.00 Per Person for Feast (limited to 80)

\$60.00 Family Cap; Children Under 6 Free

Equestrian Participants: Site Fee of \$7.00 Per Person Plus Surcharges for Portable Stalls, Etc.

Make Checks Payable to: "SCA-Fontaine dans Sable"

Greetings unto the populace of the Outlands!!!

Beware the sleeping dragon that guards the castle upon the hill! The quest for the Defender of Fontaine dans Sable begins! Come join our fair Shire in our search for next year's Defender. We will feature Heavy and Rapier Tournaments, the ever-famous ROK TOURNAMENT, Archery Shoots, a Fine Feast from our Cook's Kitchen on Saturday evening, Children's Activities, an A&S Competition, a Bardic/Revel Bonfire and I almost forgot, we will be sponsoring an Equestrian event for the first time ever! All equestrian participants should contact our Horse-O-Crat for more information on entry fee surcharges for portable stalls, hay and water availability, etc.

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Merchants are welcome and we will have a wonderful merchanting area to set up in. Please contact one of the Autocrats for further information.

Friday night, we will host a Traveler's Feast with coffee to be served in our Cook's Kitchen in the mornings, with breakfast to be served on Sunday.

All tournaments and competitions will have wonderful prizes and there will be a good time to be had by all!

This site is primitive, so plan to bring your own water and plenty of it! This site is wet and there are no curfews. All fires must be off ground and the City of Bloomfield fire restrictions in effect at the time of the event will be enforced. Please contact one of the autocrats as the event approaches for updates. All pets must be leashed and an area will be available to hobble your honorable steeds.

Directions to Site: *From the South:* Make your best way to Bloomfield, NM on Hwy 550. Turn right (east) on Hwy 64, go 3/10 mile and turn left (north) on Hwy 550 North (again) at streetlight. Go north on Hwy 550 at 1.5 miles and turn right (east) on Arizona. Go 1/2 mile and turn right (south) on Saiz Lane. Go 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on to the site. Signs will be posted.

From the North: Make your best way to Aztec, NM. Turn south on Hwy 550 South (Main Street). Go at 7 miles and turn left (east) on Arizona. Go 1/2 mile and turn right (south) on Saiz Lane. Go 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on to the site. Signs will be posted.

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Smoke & Mirrors

A flirting glance
Who by chance is in the dance
Lord and Lady discretely masked
Reality and Logic carefully by-passed

Come gentle barony, harken to my words—a midwinter adventure of magic and light,—illusion and intrigue. Court the lady fair,—follow the masked maiden if you dare. France, circa 1550, a late French illusionary court; illusionary food, masked courtiers, and regal dancing. A court of grace, but surrounded with intrigue, as those who sign in may not all be working for the same goal, and bribes are fair in love and war.

Feast Coordinator, Lord Vladimir

Autocrat, THL Sabia

Midwinter December 13, 2003

PONY-WORLD

by Lord Michael McQuillan

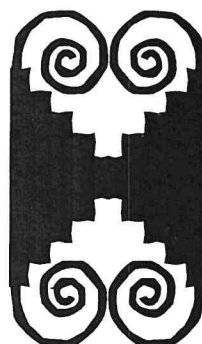
COME ON, TANA...
JUST ONE MORE
OUTLANDISH!!



"Ryan and Tana attend their last citizen's meeting..."

The Exeter Riddle Number 59

I watched men, wise in their minds,
and in their hearts serene, gaze at a golden
ring in the hall. God the savior
has prayed for peace abounding for each guest
who turns the ring; then that ring spoke
a word to the family, it named the guardian
of men who do good. Dumb as it was,
it clearly raised the image of the Maker
before the minds and eyes of anyone able
to understand the meaning of the gold
and the wounds of the Lord, and do as the wounds
of the ring ordained. If a man is unbaptised,
neither his prayer nor his spirit
can enter the kingdom of God,
the castle of heaven. Let him who will
explain how the wounds of the wonderous ring
spoke to men when it was turned in the hall
and passed through proud retainers' hands.



A Chalice

Gammer Gurton's Needle

This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at HL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle's house. She is at 5914 Aspen NE, on the SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro (south of Indian School). Her phone is 232-7946. We will begin our large summer group project. Please attend for more details or contact Lady Rosamond.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@earthlink.net or Delia at HLDelia@aol.com. **Website:** <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

Practice is starting again after winter recess. It is every other Saturday morning from 9:30 am occurring in May on May 3, 17, and 31 at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Pasco Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unscr to the park (Its on the Right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Torc's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia Marie's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice

For June, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (June 8th and 29th), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for further information.*

Court Dancing Article

I want to thank Lord Canus, Minka, Rick, Lyneya, and Lauri for performing with me at the Celtic Games Demo and a special thank you to Lady Caroline for all her help. Court dance practices will be held at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah) on Sundays, June 8 and 29th, from 12:30 to 2:30pm. The classes are free and everyone, ages 7 and up, is welcome. We have been practicing some new dances and hope you will join us. If you have any questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453 or at krege@aps.edu (I will only be able to check my emails every week or so during the summer).

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Lady Barbara

A&S Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

We are starting again after winter recess, please note that we will be meeting once a month on the 4th Thursday of each month. We are still scheduling the classes for June 26th so please volunteer your skills by calling Lady Skia at 344-0094.

Regular Activities

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. May: 3, 8, 17 & 22. Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.

Blaiddwyn Armor-making Workshops

Come and join Blaiddwyn's knight marshal on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for armor making, or just to help build the college's loaner gear. Workshops held in building 83 (this is the old UNM bookstore) in the basement at the Blaiddwyn college's office cube. Contact Blaiddwyn's Knight Marshal: Schuyler Smith at 255-5251 or smiths999@yahoo.com for more information.

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